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News Summary.

Sign. — Revolutionary performance by anarchist in New Jersey in man-trapped. — Edward Lloyd, jurist and author dead. — Czar peaceably. — War likely between France and China. — English team getting their guns ready. — Israel Fagan, Phoenix Park murderer, dead. — Pope not popular. — Peter's eye proving very painful at present. — and Czarina give reception at Moscow. — feel a trifle easier in mind. — Fighting in Ecuador: volcanoes and revolts between about equally frequent in South America. Riot in St. Petersburg. — Bismarck better. — Foreign as scarce as bald man's hair.

Domestic. — Presbyterian General Assembly opposes higher criticism. — Star trial and Col. Ingerson still proceeding. — Brooklyn bridge heavily patronized. — Large number of iron furnaces Pennsylvania shutting down. — Mysterious poisoning of six persons in Paterson. — Execution of lease of C. R. R. N. J. to Reading R. R. restrained by injunction. — Parade and dinner of "wheelmen" otherwise bicyclists, at Central Park. Fine display and thunders in line. — P. R. R. and C. R. R. N. J. terminate lease. Long, binding contracts. Each to act separately hereafter. — Sullivan, pugilist, secured as pitcher for Metropolitan B. B. C. of Polo matches. Even pitchers sometimes get easily broken up. — Large advance in meat at Chicago. — Strikes in Pennsylvania and Illinois. — Siberian bloodhounds have a free fight on the stage of Haverly's Theatre, Brooklyn. — Terrible crush and loss of life on Brooklyn bridge: thieves, bad police arrangements and imperfect construction of footway, the causes. Twelve dead and many trampled and injured. — Another smash of D. L. & W. R. R. — passenger and freight — at Hackensack. — Decoration Day widely observed. — Summer resorts slowly closing. — Manhattan Beach begins. — Large fire at Lynneburg, Va., but Mahone not extinguished when it was.

Hanlan beats Kennedy at the bat. — Yacht season opens. — Governor Benjamin Butler; he gets from Harvard no degree, not even the sniff of an L.L.D.; fifteen to eleven they ruin he! — "Dr." Monck, the blasphemous healer, indicted for back salary of clerk. — Heavy paw placed on "Dr." Monck.

About Town.

Rev. S. W. Duffield is to present a flag to Post Pierson at Weaver's Grove, June 13. This flag is the gift of the ladies of Bloomfield.

Thomas B. Baxter has rented the Augustus Baldwin property on Broad St. to Mr. George Becker, of New York.

On Decoration Day, the Bloomfield Base Ball Club defeated the Watseessions by 15 to 11—just the vote that lost Ben Butler his L.L.D. at Harvard.

A number of the school children are sick with measles.

Broom Drill brisk; get your places for the first set.

For "urgency" command us to the small boy. One of them knocked at the door of a village grocer the other morning, while the kitchen girl was raking the fire preparatory to breakfast. He wanted to go into the store, and would wait. The good man pulled on his clothes and hurried down, to be met at the door with the demand, "Please, sir, I want to get a penny's worth of fish-hooks."

The commencement exercises of the graduating class in the High School will be held in the first Presbyterian Church, probably on Friday evening, June 27. The programme will consist of music, orations, and the distribution of diplomas.

The District Clerk has completed the work of taking the census of school children. There are in the Central Union District 1,545 children between the ages of five and eighteen. Of these, it is estimated that 312 attend private schools, and 310 attend no school, leaving 923 who are availing themselves more or less earnestly of school privileges. The present school buildings will seat comfortably about 1,050 scholars.

Last Monday evening, as a half-dozen gentlemen were winding their way home, each fully impressed with the great responsibility resting on his shoulders, incident to his having signed the by-laws of the Fire Association, they saw a lurid glare light up the trees and roofs of houses several blocks distant. With one impulse, they all dashed round a corner in the direction of the fire. Some moments later they were met in a somewhat blown condition, and on being interrogated as to their lack of breath, stated that it was decidedly a wrong state of affairs that the rising moon should play such a prank on old firemen.

The members of the Fire Association are requested to sign the by-laws and pay the initiation fee as soon as possible. The by-laws may be found at the house of the Secretary, Mr. Tower, on Lincoln Street, near Ridgewood Avenue.

"The Star Spangled Banner forever shall wave." The town of Bloomfield owns a flag, and in the Park stands a handsome pole upon which to raise the flag; on Washington's birthday the banner was conspicuous by its absence; on Decoration Day "our flag was still there" in Mr. Wm. Cadmus's house, where it is usually kept. If the Town Committee cannot attend to this matter properly, some responsible individual should be selected to hang it (the flag not the Committee) on all proper occasions.

Decoration (or Memorial) Day was in the matter of weather, about all that could be desired; true it rained a trifle about 3 o'clock, but that didn't discourage our Methodist friends, who started out with band playing and umbrellas flying, and from all accounts their lawn party was a complete success.

The same little shower at one time bade fair to spoil the sport of a small but select party of tennis players who had met at Mr. John H. Chambers' to open the season, but the hot sun soon dried the grass again and play was resumed with unabated enthusiasm.

Another little party started about 9 o'clock to go to Hackensack on horseback; they report that the rain which missed Bloomfield, effectively laid the dust in Hackensack.

The "wheelmen" of Bloomfield also turned out in force for a ride through Orange. We heard of no accidents except one. C. B. took a header as he came down Bloomfield Avenue; his tire came off.

Mr. G. Lee Stout and family are again occupying their summer residence on Franklin Street.

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A brief discussion of these propositions is invited and cannot do harm. We are by no means anxious to agree with our friend in his conclusions, nor indeed in all of his statements of facts. If we remember correctly, the meeting to which he refers as having authorized the expenditure of money for a new primary school building upon the Liberty St. lot, did not give any such authority, but, on the contrary, because of the small attendance, one of the trustees recommended the plan, that as they should themselves be willing to recommend, and then to call another meeting of the voters to consider the matter.

He also states that the determination to erect a primary school at Liberty St. was in direct opposition to the instructions of a previous meeting, which declared in favor of building a new schoolhouse for general purposes at West End, and would leave it to be inferred that some injustice was being done by making such a change.

We think our friend cannot have been present at the meeting when the purchase of the Liberty St. lot was ordered, or if he was present he has overlooked and forgotten some of the transactions of that meeting.

In the first place the school trustees reported that they were not able to procure a lot for the purpose of erecting a public school building on any suitable street in West End; that the property owners with one accord declined to sell their land for that purpose, or asked such extravagant prices for the lots which the trustees were unable to meet. The purchase of them impossible. The trustees reported that they were unanimous of the opinion that the building of a neighborhood school, or even of two such schools, would not relieve the main building to any appreciable extent and that what was really needed was the erection of a large primary school in a most central position which should leave the present building to be used as a grammar school only.

This meeting was a large one, and the subject was freely discussed and the views of the trustees were given. They were those collected by the lecturer, while at the birth-place, college home, and at present residence of Dr. Holmes.

Bloomfield Fire Association.

A well attended meeting of the association was held, on last Monday evening, at Wille's Hall. The election was continued, being open to all subscribers and members, each of whom had been requested by letter and an advertisement in this paper to exercise his right in voting for officers. Trustees to control the affairs of the association for the coming year. After the announcement of the result of the voting, the various officers called for by the Trustees. The officers elected are as follows: President, W. R. Weeks; Vice-President, A. R. Brewer; Treasurer, W. B. Chambers; Secretary, F. G. Tower; Fire-Marshal, A. J. Marsh; and for Trustees, the above officers being ex officio members of the Board, John Sherman, J. H. Hardcastle, G. S. Porter, W. L. Puffer, G. T. Moore, J. M. Bancroft, C. M. Palmer, and M. M. Moore.

The By-laws, which had been carefully prepared by a committee, were read and adopted. An amendment was offered by a member of the Town Committee, as follows: "That the township wherein the association shall do duty shall be represented on the Board of Trustees of the association to the extent of two

members of the Committee of that township." The amendment was laid on the table for the following reasons: That all members of the association at the annual meeting are free to vote for whom they may desire; that any obligation to vote for any man or men from among the numerical and other body would be unconstitutional and not in accordance with the By-laws; and that none but members can be elected to office. According to the By-laws, any or all members of the Township Committee may be elected as Trustees, if they are members of the association.

The Trustees were authorized to contract for apparatus, and the Fire Marshal was directed to form a truck company, its membership to be approved by the Board of Trustees. The fire limits as adopted are the limits of the township.

The fire apparatus will consist of a hook and ladder truck, fully equipped with sponges, ladders, fire cleats, extension pumps, axes, pikes, hooks, buckets etc., and a large force-pump. Some 200 feet hose, which can be removed from the truck to the nearest water supply, worked by four men, and throw a stream at least sixty feet.

Those familiar with the subject say that the truck will not be equalled by any in the State.

The truck company will be formed as early as possible, and begin to drill and perfect its organization, so as to be ready to receive its apparatus. The truck will take from forty to ninety days to build, and may be expected by or before the first of September. Its reception will probably be the occasion of a celebration by the company.

More about the Proposed School Building.

To The Bloomfield Citizen:

Your issue of last week contained a communication signed E. A. S., upon the subject of the proposed school building, in which the writer, who is evidently a friend of our public schools and also of all our local interests, submits seven propositions, which are as follows:

1st \$18,000 is too large a sum to be spent in one locality.

2d. The locality is not a good one to accommodate the whole district.

3d. It is neither central nor convenient for a great majority of the children.

4th. The policy of grouping so many infant children is bad, morally and physically.

5th. No primary teacher can properly instruct over twenty or twenty-five children, and it is better that the number should be under twenty for each.

6th. The distance is so great from the average of the district that a large proportion of the children would necessarily be absent more than half of the time because of bad or warm weather.

7th. The primary children would be worse off than in their present location, because necessarily deprived of the care and company of their older brothers and sisters.

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He was a good specimen of a Jerseyite, and he was in want of tobacco. So he went in and asked for it like a little man, as he was. And he asked in such a lordly way that the storekeeper thought he might need about half a keg or some such little amount, and hedged his answer. They were trying to get the reduction, said this enterprising dealer, but they could sell him a moderate supply.

"Yes, I heard tobacca was down," said the dealer.

"Yes?" said the storekeeper, somewhat between a question and a remark.

"Well, my friend," said the stranger,

"spend it as down, perhaps you would mind giving a feller a pipeful."

The dealer handed it out.

"Well, now, my friend, you hasn't got an all of a broken pipe layin' around, have ye?"

So the dealer handed it out.

"Say, spose you let me have another pipeful o' that there tobacca to smoke when this is gone."

And the dealer handed it out.

"I say, can't you give me a match, my friend?"

And the dealer handed them out.

"I hear cigar is comin' down, too," remarked the visitor.

But the dealer gasped—for an idea had struck him. "No," said he, "cigars have gone up."

"How long since?" inquired the stranger, with every appearance of deep concern.

The dealer put his elbows on the counter. On his hands he rested his chin. Above his chin he put his tongue into the left hand corner of his cheek. Then with a voice broken by emotion and tremulous through the remarkable position into which he had been forced, he solemnly said: "Yes, cigars have gone up. They went up just about as you came in."

The stranger stared. He took a whiff or two at his pipe. He scratched his head. And then he walked out. But he didn't buy any tobacco.

In a PARIS saloon some one was telling the story of a man who was just reduced to his bed by the cannibals. Every one was pitying the poor soul. "It is horrible," said Gondinet, "but at least he had the consolation of knowing that he was loved for himself."

Consolation is the dropping of a gentle

dew from heaven on desert hearts be-

neath: it is one of the choicest gifts of

Divine mercy.—*Spurgeon.*

on the number of children whom each teacher is able to care for, we at present say nothing, for the reason that those matters are still in the hands of the trustees. We wish only to add that it is absolutely necessary that the over-crowded condition of the present building be remedied as soon as possible, and that the course pursued by the trustees seems to be the only practicable means of securing such relief.

PEDAGOGUE.

With "Sophie Sparkle's" Compliments.

To The Bloomfield Citizen:

In despite of its malignity, New Jersey is an enterprising State—and here's prosperity and long life to its latest journal.

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which starts off brightly with the early

Spring, as bright and cheery

and news as is possible to be crowded

within the columns of a village news-

paper.

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SOPHIE SPARKLE,

Englewood, N. J. May 24, 1883.

ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT.

To The Bloomfield Citizen:

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early as possible, and begin to drill and

perfect its organization, so as to be ready

to receive its apparatus.

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